

You'll find a **levy form for 2009 on page 35**. Please make use of this when making your payment for next year's subscription to 'The Odyssey' magazine. The levy remains at \$12 for the year. So far, we've been able to absorb rising costs.



The information and registration form for Barmera was printed in October's edition of The Odyssey for the 'early birds'. It will be reprinted in the February edition for new subscribers and those who 'can't find' their October mag.

Don't forget: Sue and Don and their Christmas elves will again put on a **sumptuous breakfast** at the Camden Park Oval on the morning of the Adelaide Toy Run on the 14th December. Only \$6 per person! Ad on page 7.

Roger Knapp has recently returned from a big adventure in the **Yukon and Alaska**. He has submitted his journal and a number of photos. There is too much for one issue, so it will be printed in at least two issues. A bit of a serial, so to speak.

From the King household, we send greetings to you all for Christmas and the New Year. Have a good one!

Wendy

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19th September	for the October issue
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19th January	for the February issue
19th March	for the April issue
19th May	for the June issue

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In early September, we went to the Eyre Peninsula for a trip on our bikes. We met up with the Eyre mob getting ready for their Sunday ride to Tumby Bay for coffee. They changed their plans and took us to Coffin Bay and the National Park. We would just like to say that these Ulyssians showed us every kindness and friendship, and we would like to say a huge 'thank you' - we had a great time.

We were happy to see them all again at the Odyssey in Victor.

Sharryn & Peter Nunan (Fleurieu branch)
Sally & Ray Woods

Adelaide Branch Meetings

First Thursday of the Month
West Adelaide Football Club
57 Milner Road, Richmond

8.00 pm
Meals available from 6.00 pm

Visit us on our Web Page

www.ulyssesadelaide.com.au

and check out the latest news on branch happenings

Barossa Group



Barossa rides leave The Old
Steam Train
(opposite the BP Station at
Nuriootpa)
at 10 o'clock
on the 1st Sunday of the month



Rides Captain

Andrew Mill
Phone: 8284 4027
Mobile: 0412 312 243

Wednesday Rides Captain

Mick Sandley
Phone: 8251 2435
Mobile: 0407 817 362



Wednesday Rides

All runs will leave at 10.30 am

1st Wednesday	Feathers Hotel Car Park, Burnside
2nd Wednesday	Feathers Hotel Car Park, Burnside
3rd Wednesday	North: Caltex, Munno Para
or	South: Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
4th Wednesday	North: Tea Tree Gully Hotel
or	South: Victoria Hotel, Top o'Taps
5th Wednesday	Feathers Hotel
(3rd & 4th Wed: There are two rides - 1 north and 1 south Bring or buy your own lunch	

Contact Mick Sandley - 8251 2435
or 0407 817 362

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<http://leadlight.biz>

Think Leadlight is boring ?

Check out my website.

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*Framed panels for renters
or group gifts*



Adelaide Branch Ride Calendar December 2008

Date	Time	Leader	Event	Venue	From
December 7	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 8284 4027 0412 312 243	Day Ride		McDonald's Magill
14	8.00 am	Pre Toy Run Breakfast	TOY RUN	Camden Park Oval	
21	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 8284 4027 0412 312 243	HO HO HO Run		Civic Park

A few words from the Rides Captain



Well another year has come and gone; they seem to be going quicker and quicker. I would like to thank all the folk who have come along on the rides throughout the year and commiserations to those who didn't, 'cause you don't know what you have missed.

The 2009 Ride Calendar is a full one again, however, if anyone wants to lead a ride you are more than welcome - any weekend that has a regular day ride scheduled is available. If you are interested, but not sure, I can help you; just ask.

There are no scheduled rides for long weekends in 2009 with the exception of Easter, so if anyone wants to organize a weekend away feel free to do so, if you organize it they will come (well, I will anyway).

I think I am setting a record this year, as I have had my current bike since early January and at this stage I am not looking to update it.

I will be re-nominating next year for Ride Captain of the Adelaide Branch, and look forward to seeing you all out with us on Sundays.

Finally I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Remember life's too straight without the Twisties.

Andrew (Cougar) Mill



Cobdogla Anzac Weekend 25-26 April 2009

- Staying at the Cobdogla Station Caravan Park Phone 8588 7164 (book your own accommodation)
- Dining at the Cobdogla & District Club (Voted the Best Regional Club in SA every year from 2003-2007)
- Saturday night entertainment
- Very reasonably priced meals

- See the working steam museum which has the last working Humphrey Pump in existence
- Diesel train rides between 1 and 3pm

Depart Munno Para Shopping Centre Car Park 10.00 am
Phone Wendy King on 88373449 for more information and bookings for dinner on the Saturday night.

Monthly Dinners



Friday
9th January 2009
7pm

Modbury Plaza Hotel
989 N/E Road
Modbury

for bookings and cancellations
phone Kevin Brenton
on 8332 4719
 (leave message on message bank)

DO NOT PHONE HOTEL
 bookings close
 Wednesday, 7th January, 2009



Friday
13th February 2009
7pm

Feathers Hotel
516 Glynburn Road
Burnside

for bookings and cancellations
phone Kevin Brenton
on 8332 4719
 (leave message on message bank)

DO NOT PHONE HOTEL
 bookings close
 Wednesday, 11th February, 2009

**Seen at the November
 Dinner at the OG Hotel**



From top left:
 Liz & Des, Jenny
 & Kath, Elaine
 & Carlene, Kath
 & Al, Ken &
 Kevin
 (Co-ordinator)



MOUTH TO THE MOUNTAINS RIDE
Wednesday 11th March – Sunday 15th March
Itinerary on page 15

- Bookings for hard accommodation are filling up, but there are still plenty of camping sites available.
- A raffle has been organised the prizes will be: First prize – A framed jacket belonging to and signed by Valentino Rossi. Other prizes will be a cap signed by Valentino Rossi and several vouchers donated by Bills Motorcycles.
- Books of tickets will be available shortly, tickets will cost \$2.00 each
- It was decided that a registration fee of \$10.00 will be charged and a sew on badge will be issued with each registration.
- All proceeds from raffles, registrations, will be going to the Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund (U.C.A.R.F)

ULYSSES CLUB
MOUTH TO THE MOUNTAINS RIDE
REGISTRATION FORM

NAME

Family Name..... MEMBER NUMBER

Given Name.....

Family Name..... MEMBER NUMBER

Given Name.....

BRANCH

ADDRESS

Number & Street.....

Suburb.....

State..... P/C Contact No.....

Email.....

RIDE DETAILS

How much of the ride will you be doing? (circle one) All Part

If you circled “part”, where will you be joining the ride?

We are asking participants to assist in our fund-raising activities for U.C.A.R.F. by enclosing a donation of \$10.00 per rider/pillion i.e. if you are 2up then \$20.00.

Of that \$10.00 donation, \$5.00 will be for the purchase of a commemorative patch and the other \$5.00 will be donated to U.C.A.R.F. on your behalf. Acknowledgement of your payment will be made by email to the address provided.

Cheques can be made payable to: **Torrens Valley Ulysses Branch**

Complete this form and return it along with your \$10.00 per participant registration fee to:

Ulysses Club Mouth to the Mountains Ride
c/- Mark Seja
9 Strathfield Terrace,
TAPEROO S.A. 5017



BEST KEPT SECRET

There was a wedding at Victor Harbor on the Friday of the long weekend in October. Some people thought that the reason for all the Ulyssians in Victor was for the Odyssey. Well, maybe it was, but who else could say they had in excess of 300 people at their reception and it didn't cost them a cent?

Seriously though, there were only 6 people that knew we were getting married in Victor Harbor before the Odyssey and they were sworn to secrecy.

The wedding took place at close friends' house, in front of family and a few friends.



After the wedding, we went to the Hotel Victor for lunch and then back to the caravan park for a few drinks.

However, when we got there, seems someone had let the cat out of the bag (hey, Liz) 'cause our tent was adorned with some decorations.

We had a merry (half pissed) old time Friday afternoon which pretty much set the scene for the rest of the weekend.

Thanks to all for their congratulations

Andrew and Bundi Mill

RIDER TRAINING COURSES AT THE 2009 PENRITH AGM EVENT

The Club has been negotiating with advanced rider training providers to present appropriate courses to members attending the Penrith AGM Event in March 2009. All courses will be focused on skills upgrading with hazard perception and avoidance skills given special attention.

We are pleased to announce that **HART** and **Stay Upright** will be offering these courses at very competitive prices for the week of the event. The Ulysses Club rebate will be a special one-off \$80 for each course – just send in your certificate of attendance and receipt of payment with return post details to the National Office to claim this amount. You will need to remit the full course cost to the provider when booking.

HART is offering three basic courses:

1. One for more experienced riders at the Oran Park Raceway (4 Hours and \$160).
2. One for the less experienced rider at Eastern Creek Raceway (4 hours and \$130).
3. The final alternative being conducted at their St. Ives complex (6 hours and \$120 including lunch and a toll pass), for all riders. The St. Ives venue is some distance from Penrith, but an escorted organized ride to and from is being arranged and this will be an integral part of the course. Lunch is provided at St. Ives.

The 4 hour courses will be run two per day with a limit on the number of participants. The student to instructor ratio will be seven to one. A dedicated link will be placed on the HART web site at www.hartridertraining.com.au with phone

bookings taken on 1300 146 632. All courses will commence on Monday, 16th March until the following Friday.

All Stay Upright courses will be at Oran Park Raceway on the short circuit track. There is one course for riders for all skill levels. They will commence on Monday, 16th March and go through to the following Friday. Each course will be of 4 hours duration with two conducted each day, morning and afternoon. Refreshments will be supplied. Again, there will be a limit on the number of participants per course with a student to instructor ratio of seven to one.

These courses are priced at \$180 including morning and afternoon teas. Oran Park is relatively close to Penrith. Information and bookings can be made via the Stay Upright website at www.stayupright.com.au or phone 1300 366 640.

BOOKINGS:

You are advised to book early as it is envisaged that these courses will fill very fast.

The preferred method of booking is via the phone as direct information can then be given on what courses are available as they fill up.

As per instruction from the course providers, both Oran Park and Eastern Creek will not be available for 'hot laps' after the completion of the courses.

Neville Gray
Vice President
Ulysses National Committee

RIDER PROFILE FROM THE WEDNESDAY MOB TEN QUESTIONS WITH ULYSSES MEMBER – Wayne DIGANCE

Q1. How long have you been a Ulysses member?

A1. About 10 years

Q2. What influenced you to join?

A2. An article in Road Rider Magazine

Q3. What motor bike are you currently riding?

A3. Yamaha FJR1300

Q4. How many bikes have you owned over the years?

A4. 8

Q5. Name some of the bikes you have owned?

A5. Suzi 185 trail, Bultaco SherpaT 350, Honda CB400, Honda Shadow 750

Q6. What will be your next bike?

A6. At the rate I seem to be aging at probably a Gopher



Q7. What is your favorite bike?

A7. Certainly not the CB400. Probably the FJR.

Q8. If money was no object and you could have any bike in the world, what would it be?

A8. Any thing with Jennifer Hawkins on the pillion seat

Q9. What do you enjoy about the Ulysses Club?

A9. Wednesday Rides. Meet and talk, ride a while, Coffee and talk, ride a while, lunch and talk, ride a while, coffee and talk, ride home and then she wants to know why I never want to talk.

Q10. Do you have any nick name?

A10. None that I would admit to.

Lester Martin

UPCOMING S.A. RALLIES 2009

MARCH 7, 8	RIVERGUM	RENMARK	GROT 0412 602 272
APRIL 3,4,5,	R.A.C.	COONALPYN HOTEL	ANDY 0411 212 076
APRIL 18, 19	BOOBOROWIE		AIDAN 8346 4071
MAY 2, 3	ROAMING SWAGMAN	BURRA CREEK GORGE	LEFTY 0412 767 945 MARK 8634 4377
MAY 9, 10	GREAT ESCAPE - back to basics		HARALD 0421 289 714
MAY 30, 31	WANBI PUB	WANBI	GROT 0412 602 272
JUNE 6,7,8,	WINTERSUN	MILDURA	JOHN 03 5023 7218
JUNE 27, 28	RADIATA	SOUTH END	FRANK 8765 1030
AUG 7,8,9	ALZ 10th (and FINAL) RALLY	SEDAN	MEATAXE 8540 2172 ADRIAN 8568 2503
AUG 21,22,23	WOMBAT	WARNERTOWN	MICK 0417 846 668
SEPT 5, 6	BUCKIN'	MARRABEL	GROT 0412 602 272
SEPT 11,12,13	GHOST TOWN	LAKE MENINDEE	0418 858 653
SEPT 18,19,20	BUSH PIG	CRYSTAL BROOK	GREG 0409 8424 34
OCT long weekend	OASIS	PARUNA	LERCH 0432 284 529
OCT 17, 18	REDBACK	LAKE BONNEY	IVAN 0403 210 925

**LIST SUPPLIED COURTESY OF MEATAXE 8540 2172
NO RESPONSIBILITY TAKEN FOR DATE CHANGES - CHECK WITH INDIVIDUAL ORGANISERS**

Quinny (Graham Quinn) #3943 19.07.1933 - 16.09.2008

Quinny, as we all knew him, was brought into this world at Maitland, South Australia. His mother was travelling in the normally horse drawn cart being pulled by a motorcycle. (True story - the horse could not be found in the dark of the night).

He was an active motorcyclist most of his life and a member of Ulysses for a long time. Always a great conversationalist and larrikin, he would always find an excuse or reason to get out on his beloved R65 BMW, until he was struck down by a major stroke. This, with other serious medical conditions, took its toll and he passed away on the 16th Sept 2008.



Quinny at the AGM at Nuriootpa

Sadly missed by his loving wife, Gwenda, sons, Bronte, Simon and Darren, and all his friends and riding companions.

He was escorted from this world the same way he arrived; his cortege was lead by motorcycles.

Ride on matey.

Jim Davies # 2819

Thank you, Lyall

Lyall Zilm died on 13th October, suddenly, at home. He was 85 years young. He was one of the original members of the Ulysses Club and presided over the first Adelaide meeting of 12 people in 1986.



We first met Lyall in 1975 in the Ducati Club, and had become good friends with him and his wife, Geraldine.

In the late 1980s, we were feeling a bit jaded and were ready for something new in our lives. We had been part of motorbike clubs all our lives and had made friends in the AJS, Ducati and Classic Owners Clubs, but Ross felt he'd had enough of motorbikes after working on them for years. However, Lyall suggested we have a look at the new Ulysses Club. So we went to our first meeting in 1988 at the Prince Albert Hotel and immediately felt 'at home'. Our first AGM was in Adelaide and so our lives continued with motorbikes and how privileged we are to have enjoyed 20 years of travelling Australia, having great fun and meeting kindred spirits.

In the last few years we have watched our children join the Ulysses Club and start out on the same great adventures that we experienced. So we say, 'Thank you, Lyall, for motivating us and thank you to all in the Ulysses Club.'

Geraldine (#2300) and Ross (#2299) Murray

Itinerary for Mouth to Mountains Ride 11-15 March 2009

Day 1 – Goolwa to **Waikerie** (337 kms)

Overnight at Waikerie: (Wednesday 11th March 2009)

Day 2 – Waikerie to **Mildura** (221 kms)

Overnight at Mildura: (Thursday 12th March, 2009)

Days 3 & 4 – Mildura to **Echuca/Moama** (371 kms)

Overnight at Echuca/Moama: (Friday 13th March & Saturday 14th March, 2009)

NOTE: Echuca is a 2 night stay – bookings will only be taken for a Friday or Saturday night on that basis due to the fact that Echuca is designated a "tourist town".

Day 5 – Echuca to **Jindabyne** (495 kms)

Overnight at Jindabyne: (Sunday 15th March, 2009)

Jindabyne Sports and Recreation Complex Ph 02 6450 0200

NOTE: All riders are encouraged to book at this facility. It can cater for up to 500 people in a variety of accommodation styles ranging from bunkhouse to cabin. Costs are very reasonable and it would provide the opportunity for all to get together on the last "official" night of the ride.

There is a licenced restaurant on the premises and the staff are happy to provide (at cost) BBQ packs etc for those that would prefer. Breakfast (at cost) is also available for riders prior to departure on Monday 16th March, 2009.

Literature for this facility (including cost structure and accommodation layout) is available from the ride organisers at request. Please factor in CPI cost rise for next year's rates.

For further details or request for literature please contact

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Mid-weeker at Melrose

That special time of the year, Spring - lovely weather and surroundings and our annual trip to Melrose!

A good crowd gathered at Munno Para - a few riders left us at the Clare coffee break and the rest continued on to Jamestown for lunch, arriving at our 'home from home' mid afternoon.

We settled into our accommodation, with Spike and Jerry erecting their tents on the lawn and gathering firewood for a huge fire that night.

Some people had made a special effort to be with us, and it was good to see Di and Kevin, and John and Jenny, after a long break. Also, a big effort from Kev and Jeannie, even if it did take eight wheels to get them there!

Thank you, Jenny and Carlene, for once again transporting all the food needed for our stay.

On Thursday, in lovely weather, there was a ride around the area with a 'special' stop at the Quondong Cafe at Quorn.

The day finished with a general knowledge quiz, run by Andy, amid much noise and hilarity. An elegant, wooden trophy (made by Kevin) was presented to the winning team.

We were treated to a show of shapely legs when Bob took advantage of the sunny days and decided to get a suntan.

Our ride home on Friday included our yearly visit to Alan and Betty Maywald's home, where we enjoyed a magnificent morning tea - thank you, again.

Everyone contributed in making this a happy, memorable time - thank you to a great group of friends.

Geraldine and Ross Murray



At the Maywalds' for morning tea



Spike



Nick



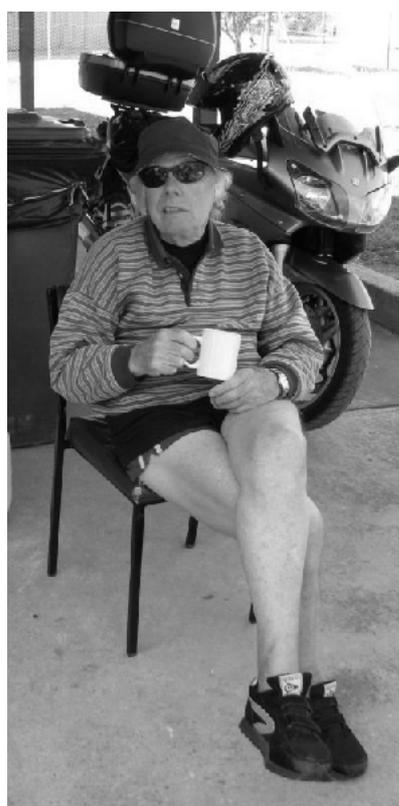
Watch out, Liz! He'll turn into a frog!



Above: Gerry



Left: Guzzi Bob and Lottie



Bob trying for a tan!

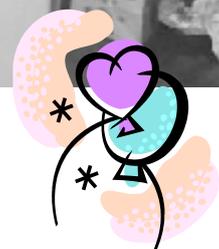


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Birthday Celebrations

At the October Monthly Dinner held at the Hampstead Hotel, Jeannie Brenton celebrated her 49th birthday. Jeannie (centre) with Carlene Dyer and hubby, Kevin



Adelaide Branch Ride Calendar 2009

Date	Time	Leader	Event	From
4-Jan	9.00am	Neville Gray 82637566	Meet the Barossa Mob at Mannum	Civic Park
10-Jan			SA Motorcycles Sponsored Ride	
11-Jan	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	McDonald's Magill Road
18-Jan	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Top of Taps
25-Jan			AUSTRALIA DAY LONG W/E	
1-Feb	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	McDonald's Magill Rd
8-Feb	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Top of Taps
15-Feb	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Top of Taps
22-Feb	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	McDonald's Magill Road
11-Feb	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Top of Taps
18-Feb	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Civic Park
25-Feb	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Rellies Ride	Top of Taps
1-Mar	9.00am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	maximoto Sponsored Ride	maximoto Main North Road Enfield
8-Mar			ADELAIDE CUP LONG W/E	
15-Mar	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	AGM PENRITH/Day Ride	McDonald's Magill Road
22-Mar	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	AGM PENRITH/Day Ride	Civic Park
29-Mar	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Top of Taps
5-Apr	9.00am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Bills Sponsored Ride	Bills Mn Nth Rd Store
12-Apr	9.30 am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Wabbit Wun Easter Sunday	Civic Park
19-Apr	9.00 am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	GC Motorcycles Sponsored Day Ride	GC Motorcycles
25-26 Apr	10.00 am	Wendy King 8837 3449	ANZAC WEEKEND Cobdogla Caravan Park	Munno Para Shopping Centre
3-May	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Civic Park
10-May	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Mothers' Day	Top of Taps
17-May	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Civic Park
24-May	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	4 Captains Ride	McDonalds Magill
31-May	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Top of Taps

Adelaide Branch Ride Calendar 2009

Date	Time	Leader	Event	From
7-Jun			Queen's B'Day Weekend	
14-Jun	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Mcdonald's Magill Rd
21-Jun	8.00am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Die Hards Breakfast	Civic Park
28-Jun	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Meet the Kings at Ardrossan	Caltex Bolivar
5-Jul	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Brass Monkey Ride	Top of Taps
12-Jul	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Mcdonald's Magill Rd
19-Jul	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Civic Park
26-Jul	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Top of Taps
2-Aug	9.30am	Chris Roberts 83706459	Day Ride	Mcdonald's Magill Rd
9-Aug	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Civic Park
16-Aug	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Top of Taps
23-Aug	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Mcdonald's Magill Rd
30-Aug	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Civic Park
6-Sep	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Fathers Day Ride	Top of Taps
13-Sep	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Memorial Day Ride	Mcdonald's Magill Rd
20-Sep	9.00am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Bills Sponsored Ride	Bills City Store
27-Sep	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Hills Market Ride	Civic Park
3-5 Oct			Barmera Odyssey	
11-Oct	9.00AM	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Bolton Kawasaki Sponsored Ride	Boltons Sth Rd Richmond
18-Oct			PINK RIBBON RIDE	Burnside Village
25-Oct	9.30am		Presidents Ride	Mcdonald's Magill Rd
1-Nov	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Top of Taps
8-Nov	9.30am	Neville Grey 82637566	Friends and Rellies Ride	Civic Park
15-Nov	9.00am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Yamaha Pitmans Sponsored Ride	Pitmans Mn Nth Rd
22-Nov	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Mcdonald's Magill Rd
29-Nov	9.00am	Nigel from Yamaha Wrld	Yamaha World Sponsored Ride	Yamaha World Sth Rd Clmce Gdns
6-Dec	9.30am	Andrew Mill 0412312243	Day Ride	Civic Park
13-Dec			TOY RUN	

HAVING A WHALE OF A TIME AT THE ODYSSEY

The cab driver in Victor summed it up. “Those Ulysses people are wonderful”. Opinion in Victor is that we are welcome back at any time. Even the Mayor was rapt with the interest in the Grand Parade on Sunday.

This reaction is interesting as the residents of Victor Harbor saw so little the 410 members who attended. With most members camped either at the oval or in the two adjacent caravan parks, we had a focus that was well away from the main drag. And what a focus! There were 19 test bikes available for rides from Victor Motorcycles, Coast Yamaha and Garage Motorcycles.

Breakfasts at the Footy Club were superb and the contest between Victor Harbor Sea Scouts and Ulyssians was hilarious to watch. Mind you, with so many taking part in Paul Hancock’s guided tour of the Fleurieu Peninsula, the audience was a bit light.

Dinner on Saturday night was excellent followed by wonderful entertainment from Bobby Hunter’s Band, with Elvis making a guest appearance. I’ve attended several Odysseys and we planned to open the outside beer van at 8.00 p.m. to cater for those who didn’t like the entertainment and noise. We shut it within an hour because everyone stayed to watch the band!

Prizes given out during the evening included helmets and a jacket (thanks to the motorcycle dealers) and 20 \$50 vouchers for petrol.

Sunday night we tried an experiment with a cocktail evening and it’s safe to say it failed. The caterer was horrified to find all members seated (we said they would be standing and mingling) and said it wouldn’t work – and it didn’t. Shoot the committee, not the caterer.

Strangely, for October, Victor turned on some good weather for us. Rain on arrival and departure (just enough to get your tent wet), but perfect days on Saturday and Sunday. About 250 bikes did a Grand Parade through Victor on Sunday, which was very smooth thanks to the help of the local Police Officers.



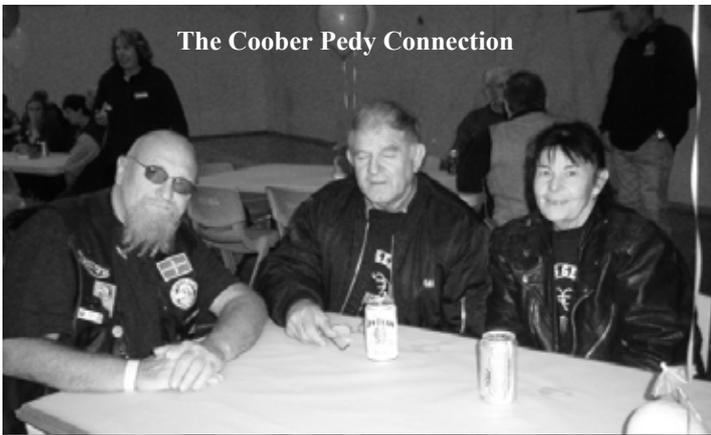
The charm of an Odyssey is meeting with your friends and meeting members from other branches. Over 80 members attended from interstate so the reputation of a good time at the Odyssey is spreading. With this comment, we advise readers to book early for the next Odyssey at Barmera, as numbers at the dinners will have a strict limit.

Many thanks to a very hardworking committee which spent a long time planning this event and working so hard at the oval to make it a success.

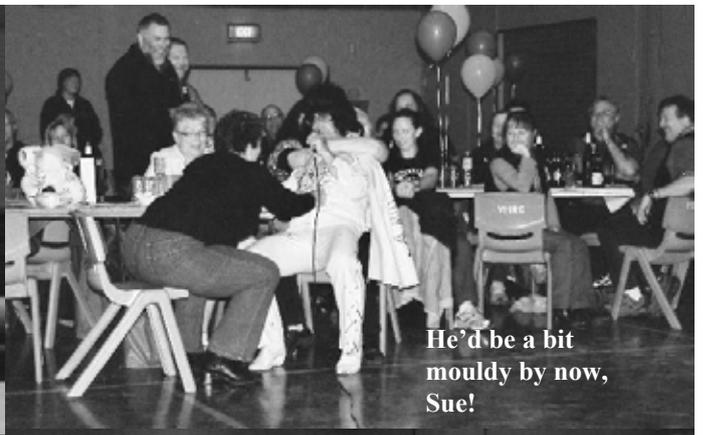
**Phil Close
Odyssey Co-ordinator**

The lighter side of the Odyssey

- Do as I say..not as I do! The Co-ordinator’s bike was the only bike left out of security on Saturday Night
- How can a tail end Charlie enter Strathalbyn leaving a corner marshal contemplating nature?
- Whose tent lost its fly in the high winds on early Monday morning and he knew nothing about it
- The missing Kawasaki on the test rides was actually returned to Victor Motorcycles direct to fix a mechanical problem...but the group at the oval weren’t told for awhile and were panicking that they had lost a bike.
- The egg throwing contest with the scouts was going so well, with eggs bouncing beautifully, that we thought they were hard boiled. That is, until one hit the fence and splattered yolk over the spectators. OOPS



The Coober Pedy Connection



He'd be a bit mouldy by now, Sue!



Brian, Marie, Kerry (Helmet raffle winner), Sandy, Bob



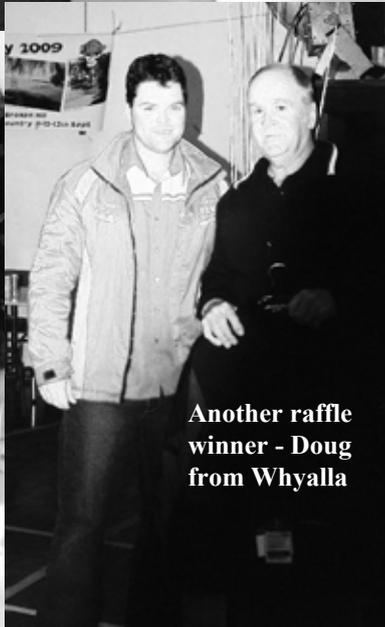
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The Port Pirie Connection



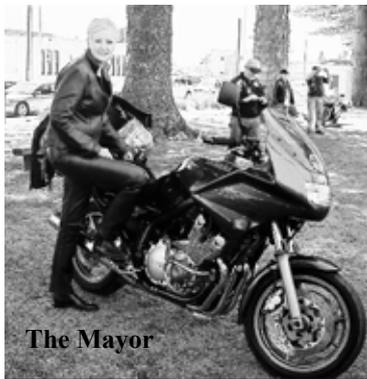
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Another raffle winner - Doug from Whyalla



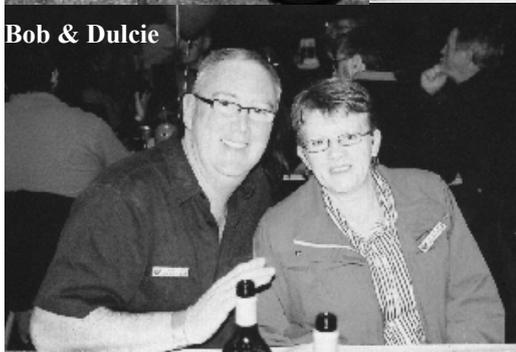
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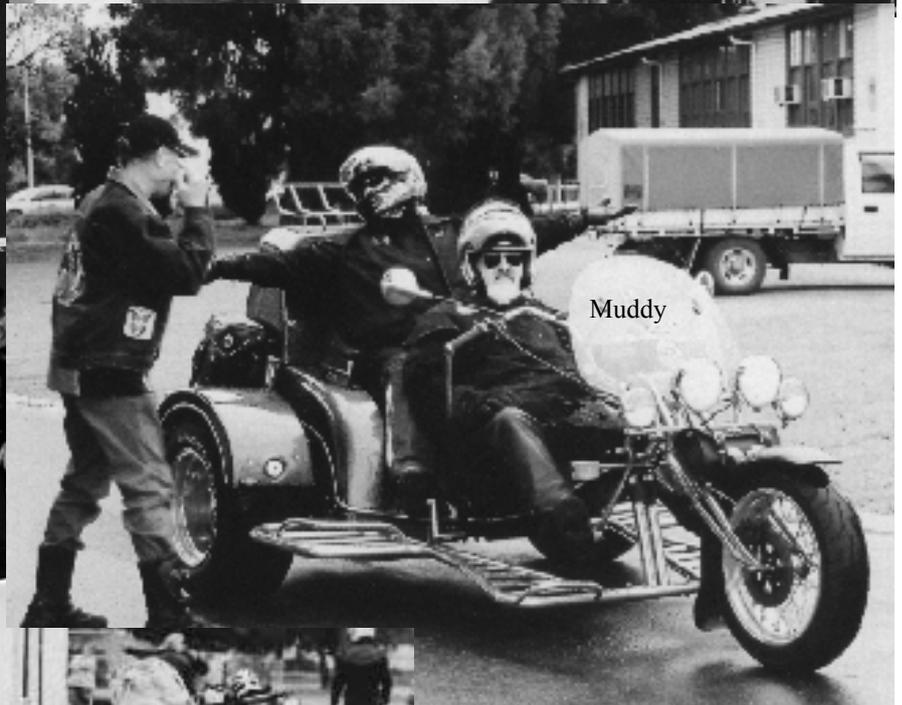
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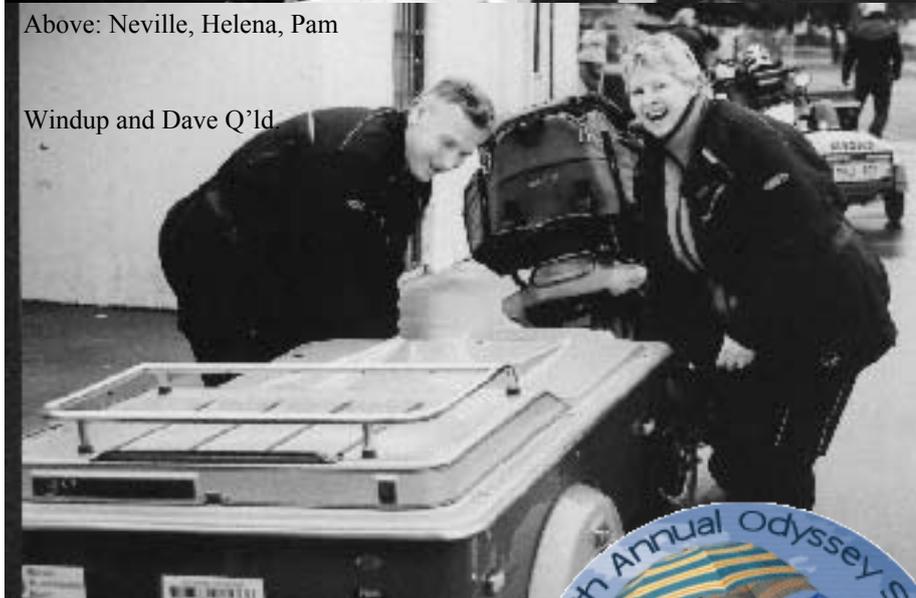
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Muddy



Above: Neville, Helena, Pam



Windup and Dave Q'ld

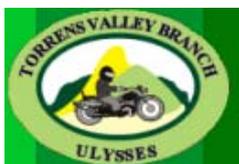


The honeymooners



The Mount Gambier Connection





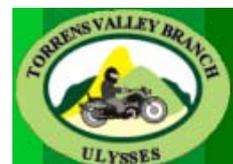
Torrens Valley Branch Meetings

7.30pm

Third Tuesday of the Month

Parafield Gardens Community Club
Shepherdson Road, Parafield Gardens

Meals available from the Club before the Meeting
All welcome



Date	Time	Contact	Event	Venue	Leaving
7th December Sunday	9.00 am	Ian Hess 0409 083 436	Old Tailem Town	Tailem Bend	Munno Para
14th December Sunday			MRA Toy Run		Glenelg
21st December Sunday	9.00 am	David Holland 0411 378 181	Seven Hill Pub	Seven Hill	Gawler
			Have a Merry Christmas		
4th January Sunday	9.00 am	Neville Gray 8263 7566	Meet the Barossa Mob		Civic Park
10th January Saturday	4.00 pm	David Holland 0411 378 181	SA Dirt Bike Sponsored Ride	Unit 4/580 Main North Road	Gepps Cross
18th January Sunday	8.00 am	David Holland 0411 378 181	Breakfast at the Club/Ride the coast to Normanville	Normanville	Parafield Gardens Community Club
23-25 January			Meet at Greet with FUBS and Shearwater Branch	Kalganyi Caravan Park Mount Gambier	

Yorke Peninsula

Jamestown 2nd November 2008

What a morning! Woke up to thunder, lighting and heavy rain, but when departure time arrived, the weather miraculously cleared up - what a break! We decided to travel to Jamestown via the Clare Valley and return through Crystalbrook. The weather remained fine until we got to Clare where we pulled over for a short break and donned our wet weather gear. On leaving Clare, it rained for about five kilometres and then cleared, which gave us a good ride to Jamestown. The new Manager of five days made us very welcome and the meal was excellent, and very reasonably priced, as were the drinks. We will certainly use this venue again. Perhaps an overnighter next time, as the Caravan Park has heaps of powered sites and plenty of self contained cabins. The ride home was great, completely dry and with very light winds making very enjoyable riding.



Rod Lind



Tanya and Grant in their garden at Tickera where the Wednesday riders had morning tea on one of their rides.



The leg on which SA stands

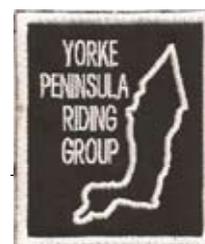
Qty	Description	Size	Cost
2	Jackets	XL	\$35
1	Jacket	L 12	\$35
1	Jacket	4XL	\$35
1	Vest	L	\$25

Yorke Peninsula Riding Group Patch

I still have a number of patches as shown here. They are available at cost.

\$6.50 Each

Rod Lind



Strathalbyn 9th November 2008

Thanks to the Fleurieu Branch for the invitation - everyone made us feel most welcome. The BBQ as usual was a value for money show, tons of magnificently prepared food and heaps of salads. It is not hard to see that the cooks have had a lot of catering experience.

The ride there and back was great; it is certainly a change to have some twisty bits to ride on and have a look at some great scenery, (that is when we got the chance). I am looking forward to meeting up again with everyone down there, on the long weekend in January at Mount Gambier, and when we host them over here next year.

COMING RIDES

Saturday 3rd January 2009

Meet at B.P Ardrossan 5.30 pm for an evening ride to a mystery destination for a pub meal.

Sunday 1st February 2009

Meet at B.P Ardrossan 10.00 am for a ride finishing up at Leon and Natalie Halls place for a B.Y.O Barbie.

Saturday 28th February 2009 & Sunday 1st March 2009

Yorke Peninsula Vintage, Veteran & Classic M.C.C Annual Rally at Port Vincent (Tuckerway Hostel) Bookings are essential for this event.

Contact Les Schwab Ph. 8852 1834

Saturday 7th March 2009 - Monday 9th March 2009

Hosting the Fleurieu Peninsula Branch at Balaklava Caravan Park, tea Saturday Night at the local hotel. (Numbers required by 27th February) Ride and BBQ organised for Sunday.

Merchandise

I recently obtained a number of black fleecy jackets and vests in various sizes which are available at a discounted price I still have five left which are available with the Y.P.R.G Logo and name of your choice embroidered in white. Details as follows :-

Hey, did you hear about the Ulysses member who attended a rally recently, and (in the dark and more than slightly inebriated) he used his wife's vaginal cream to clean his teeth?



On a recent Wednesday ride, Kath and Ralph Pattison hosted morning tea at their home at Clare. They certainly know how to make people feel welcome! Thank you, Kath and Ralph.

Sunday Rides

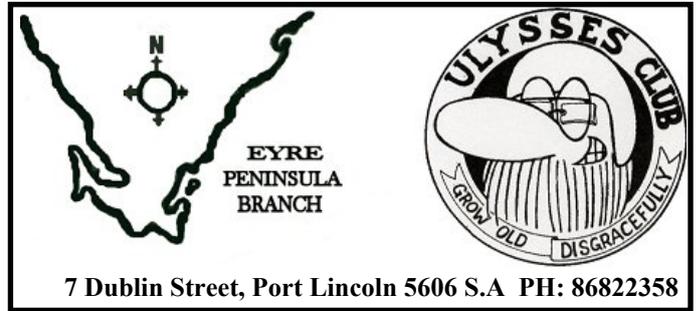
are held on the first Sunday of the month. Watch this page for details and updates or contact Jim Davies on **8852 1021/0417 836 994** or Rod Lind on **8837 7260/0148 527 977** for info.

Wednesday Rides

leave the parking bay in the centre of Kadina Park at 9.30 am on Wednesdays. Please contact Clive Ford on **8821 1598** before **any** Wednesday ride to get the latest information.

Eyre Peninsula Branch Ride Calendar Jan-June 2009

Come on any event on any sort of wheels
Scheduled Rides Leave On Time As Indicated
All Rides May Be Subject To Alteration
Visitors Welcome



Date	Ride	Contact	Advise by	Leave	Time
January Sunday 11	Coffin Bay Boat Ramp BYO BBQ	Ray Sims 8685 4107		Town Jetty	10.00 am
January Saturday 24	Tunarama Procession Group Ride	Bill Richter 8682 8212	December 31	Cowley's	10.00 am
February Sat-Sun 14-15	Streaky Bay Overnight Book own accommodation	Nick Octoman 8688 4217	January 31	Town Jetty	10.00 am
February Saturday 28	Progressive Ride - Dinner BBQ Rosie 7 Bill's (to be advised)	Bill Crettenden 8683 3382	February 14	Town Jetty	10.00 am
March 22 Sunday	Bienke's Farm near Elbow hill BBQ supplied	Alan Pfitzner 8682 3386	March 8	North Shields	10.00 am
April 4-5 Sat-Sun	Elliston Overnight Book own accommodation	Mick Jesser 8682 4019	March 14	Town Jetty	10.00 am
April 12 Easter Sunday	Sheringa Lunch supplied	Gerry Vette 0428 546 960	April 5	Town Jetty	10.00 am
April 18-19 Sat-Sun	Nyroca Scout Camp Overnight	Jack Ash 8684 3285	April 5	Town Jetty	1.00 pm Saturday
April 26 Sunday	Cleve for lunch	Herman Pruis 8682 2358	April 20	North Shields	10.00 am
May 2-4 Sat-Sun	Brossa Valley Accommodation to be notified	Kevin Warren 8684 2093	April 20	North Shields	8.00 am Ferry 10.30 am
Mary 24 Sunday	Borthwick Hill BYO BBQ	Jack Ash 8684 2358		North Shields	10.00 am
June 6-8 Sat-Sun	Nutbush Retreat (near Iron Knob) Cowell (book own accommodation)	Allan Smith 8682 1475	May 23	Town Jetty	8.00 am Saturday
June 27 Saturday	Christmas in June - Marina Hotel	Bill Richter 8282 8212	June 9	Marina Hotel	6.00 pm for 630



Contact Names & Phone #s of Committee

Bill Richter	8682 8212
Trish Pruis	8382 2358
Jack Ash	8682 3285
Bill Crettenden	8383 3382
Rau Sims	8685 4107



Christmas Dinner



Don't forget our Christmas Dinner to be held

at
Revendale Sport Centre
on
Saturday, 13th December 6-630 pm

Contact Bill Richter on 8682 8212

Southern Flinders

On September 21st, Leon led us on a ride to Auburn via Pt Germein Gorge and Spalding. We spread out for lunch with everyone at various places as the town was fairly crowded. Somehow, Leon had organized for the Mustang Club to be in town the same time as us, so we all had a good look over the cars and picked out our favourites or relived old times (and dreams). After lunch, we regrouped and headed home with a drink stop at Snowtown on the way.

Sunday October 19th saw us head off to the Barossa in perfect weather, with quite a few new faces in the group. We headed through Clare and then went to the Junction Motel at Nuriootpa. At the Motel, we all had a good look at the collections on display with some showing more interest than others. The collections included bikes (more Square 4 Ariels than anyone had ever seen before), Chev cars and model trains. The group then split up for lunch with some going to the oval to have a look at the Pink Ribbon Ride that had come from Adelaide. After lunch, we headed home via Eudunda and Burra. It

was a long day, but everyone seemed to enjoy it.

The time has come for some-one else to take over as Rides Co-ordinator. At our January ride we will have a quick meeting and elect a new co-ordinator. If you are interested in the position and want to know more, please contact me. It can be rewarding job and does not take too much time or effort.

Future rides:

Sunday 21st December Ride leader Les Beyer 0427632213, 86325565

Leave at 9:00am and ride to Wirrabara Farmers' Market and lunch at Wirrabara Hotel with an optional ride to Jamestown in between.

Sunday 18th January Ride Leader Leon Stephens 86331211, 0407727035

Leave at 8:30am for a short ride and have breakfast at Mid North Suzuki and Yamaha. We will have a quick meeting at the breakfast to elect a new Rides Co-ordinator. Leon and Debra have kindly offered to put on breakfast once again for us.

Sunday 15th February Ride Leader

Les Beyer
86325565,
0427632213

Leave at
5:00pm and
travel to Pt.

Broughton for tea on the foreshore. Either byo or buy.



Sunday 15th March Ride Leader Les Wyatt. A short ride and then back to Les & Julie's place for a bbq lunch. BYO meat to share with salads supplied.

We are now looking for rides and leaders for next year's calendar. If you have any ideas or want to lead a ride please let me know.

We now meet every Sunday at 10:00am for coffee at the Hot Bread Shop in the main street (next to the ANZ bank) of Pt. Pirie. Everyone is welcome.

All rides leave from the Caltex service station by the roundabout in Solomontown.

**For further information contact
Les Beyer on 86325565 or 0427632213**

Three weeks in the Yukon and Alaska

- Roger Knapp

The following is my diary kept during my three week motorcycle trip from Vancouver, Canada, to Dawson City in the Yukon Territory in July/August 2008. The trip was made in the company of five Canadians with whom I had made contact over the internet.

I dedicate this journal to Siggy Schingnitz who passed away in 2007. Siggy was the previous owner of the Suzuki bike I am riding to Alaska and he was an avid lover of the Canadian wilderness. I knew him, but not well.

Friday 18th July 2008 Canada time

Beautiful one day perfect the next, that's Vancouver or was it Queensland? Vancouver Airport, 25 deg and a few wispy clouds, that's what greeted the weary traveller. Courtesy of a little forward planning, I was able to locate the bus terminal where the bus for Vancouver Island was boarding. After a brief road trip, we drove onto a large BC Ferry bound for Victoria in the south of the Island. One and a half hours later, 6.45pm, I was in Swartz Bay being picked up by my hosts, Erika and Roy McTavish, and driven to their home. Roy is the current owner of the motorbike I am to borrow.

Saturday 19th July

After a good night's sleep, the first in 36 hours, my host drove me down to the local motorcycle repair shop to pick up the bike, a 1982 Suzuki GS1100L, where it had been serviced and new tyres installed in preparation for the trip north to Alaska. (Northern Yukon, actually, with a side trip planned into Alaska.)

My hosts drove me to a beautiful beach at East Sooke for a picnic lunch. Weathered grey logs littered the shore, washed in by the tide after breaking free from the many log booms being towed down the coast to the timber mills. Deep orange bark of the Arbutus trees mingled with the Cedars, Firs and numerous other species that grow down to the waters edge. A truly tranquil place where one has no difficulty communing with nature.

Sunday 20th July

A morning visit to the local Sooke Baptist Church was inspiring, due to the fact that the service was dedicated to the youth of the church who participated throughout the service. The theme, most appropriate I felt, was, IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON THE WATER, YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT. As I interpret it, if you want to make an impression you need to get out of your comfort zone.

The bike performed well, but reminded me of a couple of minor modifications I need make before the next leg of the journey.

After a quick lunch, I loaded up the bike with my repacked bag (limited due to capacity of the carrier on the back) and bade farewell to my friends Lynne, Erica, Roy and children. The first leg of my motorcycle trip north was a short hop to Nanaimo, 150kms up the Island to visit friends, Darlene and Michael Boothe. The road passed through the Malahat Pass about 500m above sea level, with a panoramic view of the coast and islands peppered with yachts carrying Sunday sailors.

Thursday 22nd July

After a pleasant 2 nights with Darlene and Michael, where I gained much needed tuition on all things computer, I departed

Nanaimo via a newly built ferry to West Vancouver. A one hour thirty five minute trip saw me trying to start the bike with a flat battery when I should have been leading the charge off the ferry at Horseshoe Bay. A push start by two friendly crew members was all that was needed to get me on my way. I think a new battery will be the order of the day tomorrow. Better these problems



surface now than in a few days time when I am well on the way north into the Canadian wilderness. My dear friend, Pam Fearn, mother of my stowaway in 1964, has invited me to stay with her until I meet up with the motorcycle team on Thursday evening.

Wednesday 23rd July. Vancouver

Well, I had trouble starting the bike this morning, had to push start down a small hill. The local Suzuki dealer in North Vancouver checked out the bike and assured me that the problem was simply a loose wire and that the battery is fine. That was all very well, but when I went to leave him he had to jump start the bike. He said that a little run would soon charge the battery. I will know tomorrow morning when I head out to my host and team leader for the ride north. He lives 70km east of Vancouver at Langley. I took Pam to lunch at Milestones in Park Royal, West Vancouver. The weather has been perfect everyday up till today with 25 deg max and clear skies. Around 20 deg today with overcast cloud.

Thursday 25th July

I am not sure if I am still suffering from jet lag, but last night I continued the habit, I seem to have acquired since arriving in Vancouver, of sleeping for a couple of hours then lying awake for three or four.

Yesterday, after a quick visit to the Bank to arrange the release of some cash, a quiet sit by the pool at Spuraway with Pam Fearn and her grandchild and great grandchildren, I said my farewells and mounted my bike for the trip out to Langley. By this time, the cloud, which had hung around most of the morning, had cleared to reveal a warm sun making the short 70 km trip a pleasant experience. The mighty Frazer River flows west from the mountains in the east, at this latitude, and in a previous age its bed was the path of a glacier long gone. The wide bed left by the glacier is now a fertile valley covered with trees, small farms and what were once little hamlets now swallowed up by the expanding city of Vancouver and its satellites.

Having left Vancouver a little early to avoid the heavy, after work traffic, I exited the highway just before the road nominated by my host, and cruised down to Fort Langley, the first settlement in BC, established in 1827, on the banks of the Fraser. The river at this point is still tidal and the early sailing ships must have taken advantage of the tides to make there way 30km inland. The community of Fort Langley have made an effort to retain the early colonial feel of the town and, as a result, it is a popular destination for tourists and motorcyclists with time on their hands.

works in the Real Estate business and, judging by his buoyant and colourful nature, is quite successful. Debbie, his wife, (second marriage for both of them), arrived home later after her day working as a nurse in an Aged Care Home. Debbie is definitely a good foil for Wes who seems to live life on the edge for most of the time.

The evening was spent discussing final plans and the route we are to take north. The irony of our dependence on the computer age was emphasized when discussion got around to how we were all going to charge our various electronic devices during the trip as we plan to camp most nights.

26th July, 2008. Day one to the Yukon and Alaska

A short ride up the Fraser Valley to meet up with the rest of the team at Mission. The sun was shining and the first thing I noticed was the summit of Mount Baker in the US state of Washington. Ten thousand four hundred feet and snow topped in the distant haze, it brought back memories of a picnic excursion in 1965 to that same mountain.

In Chilliwack we met up with the rest of the team, Chris and Sue on a 1995 BMW R100 GS PD, and Sam on a 2006 BMW R1200 GT.

After a quick coffee, we mounted up and headed east then due north to Hixon, BC 700km from our start point. Only 2300km to Dawson City in the Yukon, our final destination. We passed through fields of new mown hay with an aroma faintly reminiscent of silage tinted with stringent smell of cow dung.

The Fraser Canyon was our first point of interest after turning north. A deep ravine about 50km long with railway tracks carved into the canyon walls on both sides, one for the CPR and the other for the CN plus the road which crosses the river occasionally looking for the easiest passage through many tunnels. In the early morning light the many power lines draped across the canyon, shone with dew resembling cobwebs placed there by some giant spider. Soon we were passing thick forests decimated by the Mountain Pine Beetle, a pest that is normally controlled by the cold winters, but, due to Global Warming, the beetle survives the mild winters and multiplies to wreak havoc with the native pines. About 80% of the forest in this area has been affected.

At the end of the Canyon we entered the much dryer region around Cache Creek. The forest thinned out to just the occasional tree scattered through the bare mountains which constantly slide down into the river causing much angst for the rail operators. The river has carved its way through the moraine left by the ancient glaciers and consequently the road and both rail tracks pass through loose sand and gravel approximately 300m deep.

As we neared Quesnel, 60km south of our end destination for today, the terrain changed again to rolling hills with large cattle farms and paddocks of Alfalfa (Lucerne) being baled for winter stock food.

We reached Hixon at around 7.00pm and located our campsite for the night, set deep in a forest not far from a river.

Sunday 27th July. Day 2 to the Yukon and Alaska

After a gentle intermittent rain overnight, the tent and bikes were a little damp. Fortunately, the rain stopped while we packed up the camp site. Wes's Aunt and Uncle, who live just up the road on 160 acres, had asked us to join them for a pancake breakfast, so we drove off, in the rain, which had just started again, the few km to Aunt Penny's. It was a typical farmhouse with all welcome regardless of dress, boots and all. Breakfast consisted of pancakes, bacon and scrambled eggs for all six of us. No

maple syrup, but plenty of home made jam. Not good for my dietary control, but very nice. I must try harder to cut down on fatty foods.

The road north from Quesnel passed through now familiar rolling hills with scattered farms. We passed through Prince George, the commercial centre of central BC, and turned west towards the coast and the scenery slowly changed with 2331m Mount Hudson coming into sight as we neared the small town of Smithers, where we camped for the night in sight of the Hudson Glacier.

The lack of sleep last night, due to insufficient mattress padding and a severe case of dry eye, caused some concern during the day's ride, but I arrived safely thanks to the watchful and ever considerate eye of my hosts, Debbie and Wes.

The excitement is really mounting now as we near the coastal range which posed such a challenge to the gold seekers of 1897. The day is about to end with a couple of beers around the camp table as the sun slowly sets over Mount Hudson and casts its long shadows over my fellow travellers. Tomorrow is another day. We covered 465km on our journey north.

Monday 28th July



Oh what a day! We left the camp site at Smithers around 8.30am for breakfast downtown. As usual, I seemed fall into the trap of having a large breakfast and justified same on the basis that it was going to be a long day and the next food stop was an open ended question. The

weather was overcast with the sun vainly trying to break through the cloud cover giving us a little optimism for a reasonable day's ride. The bike, by the way, has been running like a dream. First stop was at a small Indian village, Moricetown, on the banks of the Bulkley River. The river at this point is forced through a narrow ravine which increases the velocity from dangerous to terrifying and the salmon must make an extreme effort to pass through on their journey upstream to the spawning grounds. The local Gitksan Indians take advantage of the salmon's dilemma and dab into the swirling waters with long handled nets to capture the exhausted fish. Apparently, at this time, the catch was to be tagged and released but at other times the fish end up as smoked salmon on the dinner table.

Next stop was just outside Hazelton at Ksan an historic Indian village replica where the Gitksan people conduct tours of the various buildings which are furnished with artifacts of historical interest. Prior to the tour we had lunch provided by a charming young Indian woman Dawn Gun-a-Noot who offered us a sample of smoked salmon provided we gave a donation as they not permitted to sell the fish under



the terms of the native fishing agreement. These are definitely a proud and intelligent people.

By the time we were ready to leave for our nightly destination,



Meziadin Lake, 200km north, the rain had begun to fall and the temperature was a low 10 deg C.

At the half way mark, my fortitude was being tested and I was shaking

visibly from the cold and wet. My boots were full of water and the dampness had spread up my legs and into my upper clothing. We pressed on as there was no other option other than to make it the lake where we were to meet up with three other members of the Greater Vancouver Motorcycle Club who had driven north in a large motor home plus a motor bike and a ford pickup truck.

At 7.10 pm, we pulled into Meziadin Lake with me suffering from hyperthermia, so I was told by Nurse Debbie. With some care and attention in the warm motor home and several coffees plus a bowl of home made soup, I was back in the world of the normal, if there is such state of being, as normal in a place like this. The prospect of making camp under such dismal conditions was daunting, but, to our surprise, our new found best friends found a most unlikely 6 berth trailer available for a small nightly fee, heating and light included. I now believe in the good fairy of the north.



Tues 29th July

After a reasonable night's sleep, two to a pull out bunk, we rose to an overcast but clearing day. Breakfast, courtesy of the small onsite shop, was pancakes, wieners with maple syrup and hot coffee. At around 10.00am we departed for Stewart and Hyder at the bottom of the Alaskan peninsula 60km away at the end of a spur road off the Stewart

Cassiar Highway.

The road down this long valley to the fiord is littered with small to large glaciers fed from the snows that fall on the mountain tops 2000m above us. We passed groves of Spruce, Hemlock and Poplar creating a patchwork of dark and light greens. We stopped at the Bear glacier for a photo opportunity and recorded the deep blue clefts reflecting the light escaping through the occasional break in the clouds and jagged hounds teeth created by the stresses on the moving glacier.

At the bottom of the valley lies the small Canadian fishing and logging town of Stewart with a neat paved street and shops.



Four km further down the valley we entered the Alaskan town of Hyder with unmade streets and Wild West shops. We stopped at the Glacier Inn, decorated inside with autographed bank notes which cover all of the walls and additional sheets of plywood. Behind the bar were hunting mementos including the head of a mountain goat. The rest of our group partook in the traditional ritual of being "Hyderized" which consists of sculling 1oz of Everclear, 150 proof grain alcohol followed by a small glass of mineral water. The effects are almost instantaneous, as observed by those who have not partaken.

After a seafood lunch, cooked in an ancient bus, we rode up a valley to a site noted for the frequency of both black and grizzly bears catching salmon in a shallow stream but due to a shortage of salmon the bears were not present at this time. There were several die hard photographers, sitting under waterproofs, who had been there all day in the rain waiting for the perfect shot. We didn't wait.

Throughout the day we experienced intermittent rain so always had to be dressed appropriately. I solved the problem of water running up my pant legs by binding them with several layers of Duct tape which I purchased in Stewart.

On the ride back through the valley I was able to observe a black bear crossing a glacier high up the mountain plus another young bear on the side of the road.

The day ended with a filling meal cooked by Wes in our trailer accommodation, wine and an attempt to make a campfire with green spruce. A heavy rain shower during dinner ensured that we all stayed inside our 26ft. trailer after dinner.

Wednesday 30th July

Today the weather has been as good as it is likely to get in the north at this time of the year, around 11deg C, but the sun shone on and off for most of the day. The entire run today has been through mountains topping out at 2500m and the highest road pass was Gnats Pass at 1241m about 20km out of Dease Lake, our destination for today. Mountains, that are all topped with snow that spawn small glaciers down their rugged slopes, rise alongside more gentle slopes thickly forested with the many varieties of local flora. It comes as no surprise that northern British Columbia is a Province almost inundated with water via its rivers and lakes. Names such as Fraser River, Thompson River, Skeena River, and Stikine River, along with countless lakes, have accompanied us on our journey north, and there is more to come.

Turbulent rivers rushing through narrow gorges carving grotesque images that must have given rise to many a myth told by the local Indian tribes. Gentle, slow flowing, shallow rivers with flat, stony beds that no doubt play host to many spawning salmon. The many bears we have seen crossing the road bear testament to the plentiful food supply the region offers to the wildlife.

By mid afternoon we had reached a lakeside site where we met up with our friends, in the Motor Home, Barbara, Horst and her brother Victor. Barbara rode her Suzuki Cruiser into Dease Lake to see where we were staying then rode back to her campsite for the night.

We managed to secure a double room with sofa bed, so the six of us have bunked into the one room for the night; two on the floor which they say is a lot better than waking up in the morning rain and breaking camp. No doubt we will need to pitch the tents again soon.

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The Silly Season is upon us and there's a lot happening in our branch. Our Christmas Dinner is happening shortly at Camp Kedron on the Shores of Lake Bonney. For those who haven't been there before, Kedron is an ideal venue for a Ulysses get together as it is in a very pleasant setting and has well maintained facilities, including catering, dining, accommodation and camping.



We were there 2 years ago when I took photos of Lake Bonney which was soon to be closed off from the River Murray. It's interesting to see the change over that time with the receding Lake leaving a pleasant wide sandy beach around the perimeter. (Not the smelly bottom that the doomsayers were predicting.) Also, although the Murray has dropped below Blanchetown Lock, the normal pool levels exist above the Lock and through the Riverland, so normal tourist activities continue.

Another event we are hosting is the Combined Committees Christmas BBQ on the banks of the Murray at the historic Port of Morgan. It should be a good bash with about 30 attending. Witchetty grubs might be an option on the menu.

Our Riverland Tucker and Toy run will be on Sunday 7/12/08 leaving Renmark at 9:00 am. We usually get about 150 entries and hope to have a SAPOL motorcycle escort again this year. The run will finish at the Waikerie F.C. for lunch.

I was disappointed to miss the Odyssey at Victor, but a really nasty lurgi laid me low for a couple of weeks. A big 'thank you' to those who presented our publicity for the '09 Odyssey in the Riverland, including Mark Seja. We have over 80 registrations already, and the Winery/PS Industry tour is proving so popular that we are putting on a second run. That will provide a maximum of about 120 places and I can see we will have to close off bookings soon. So book early if you want to get in. Also, if you want hard accommodation in the Riverland book now, or you'll miss out. Details are in the Info. Sheet in this edition.

That'll do for now, so from the Mallee Branch best wishes for a safe and happy festive season, and spare a thought for those whose season won't be quite so festive.

Enjoy life's great ride,
Toddy

A woman in her thirties is at home happily jumping unclothed, on her bed and squealing with delight.
Her husband watches her for a while and asks, 'Do you have any idea how ridiculous you look? What's the matter with you?'
The woman continues to bounce on the bed and says, 'I don't care what you think. I just came from having a mammogram and the doctor says that not only am I healthy, but I have the breasts of an 18-year-old.'
The husband replies, 'What did he say about your 42-year old arse?'
'Your name never came up,' she replied

Hope you all had a great time at the Odyssey. We would like to thank all those who helped over the weekend, especially those volunteers from other branches. A few new ideas were tried out and most worked, except for Sunday's meal, oops! It was still gratifying to find the Ulysses spirit still worked well even when things didn't go as planned. Thank you all for your support on the night and over the week end.



Last month we had a breakfast run. When I rolled up at 8.00 in the morning, I was wondering how many would be up and at 'em at this hour of the day. Good Lord!!! There were heaps. We stuffed ourselves with bacon and egg rolls, had a great social chat and then rolled out for a lovely ride down to Goolwa. It was a fabulous day to catch up with members and well done to Doug, Sandy and helpers.

A couple of weeks after this, we had an easy rider/experienced ride. This is always popular, as it gives a chance for those who would like to build up their riding confidence to ride in a group at a slower pace. The two groups met up at Strathalbyn for a BBQ. It was great to have members from Yorke Peninsula mob join us.

If you would like to come on any rides, check out the rides calendar on our web site.

With Christmas coming up, we have our Christmas ride and Christmas lunch on November 30th. The ride will be leaving from the Alma Hotel at Willunga at 10.00am. It will be going to the Hobbit Mansion for lunch. Lunch is \$10.00 and will be provided by the FUCCers. (Fleurieu Ulysses Catering Corp) Bring a present, no more than \$5 value, to receive a gift from Santa. It will be a great day.

On the 6th December we are going to do something a little different and have a twilight run. We will meet at the Alma for a meal at 5.00pm or if you just want to do the ride meet at 6.30pm. Jono will lead us on a mystery ride into the evening. Ah, how romantic, riding off into the sunset.

To join in our rides give Mick Corfield (Rides Captain) a ring on 0434 256848 or if you want to come to our meetings they are held at 8.00pm on the third Thursday of the month at the Willunga Golf Club, St Peters Terrace, Willunga. Meals and full bar facilities are available from 6.00pm. Love to catch up with ya.

All the very best to everyone for their Christmas and may you all receive the best gift at Christmas, that of friendship.

Regards
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